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In re Application of	:	
Pan et al.	:	
Application No. 09/682685	:	ON PETITION
Filing or 371(c) Date: 10/05/2001	:	
Title of Invention:	:	
EFFICIENT MULTI-SLICE	:	
ACQUISITION WITH BLACK BLOOD	:	
CONTRAST IN FAST SPIN ECHO	:	
IMAGING	:	

This is a decision on the "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.183 Requesting Waiver of Requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a) and Declaration in Support Thereof," filed June 21, 2007. The petition is properly treated as a request for waiver of 37 CFR 1.48(a)(2), which requires a statement from each person being added and from each person being deleted as an inventor that the error occurred without deceptive intention on his or her part.

The petition is granted.

November 29, 2006 Petition to correct inventorship

Applicant filed a petition to correct inventorship on November 29, 2006, to correct inventorship by adding inventors Thomas K.F. Foo and Zahi A. Fayad, and deleting inventors Tin-Su Pan, Steven J. Woloschek and H. David He. The rule 48 petition included a statement from each person being added that the error occurred without deceptive intention on his or her part. A statement from deleted inventor Woloschek was also provided, that the error occurred without deceptive intent on his part. A statement from inventors Pan and He was not provided.

The November 29, 2006 Petition for waiver under 37 CFR 1.183

Petitioner also filed a petition requesting waiver of 37 CFR 1.48(a)(2), that requires a statement from each person being added and from each person being deleted as an inventor that the error occurred without deceptive intention on his or her part.

In support of the petition, Applicant stated that he attempted to contact inventors Pan and Hu via telephone, but was unsuccessful. Applicant also stated that he attempted to contact inventor Tan

via email, but that too was unsuccessful. Further efforts of the Applicant to contact inventors Pan and He included email correspondence from Applicant to the Assignee requesting information as to the whereabouts of the inventors.

The November 29, 2006 petition was dismissed in a Decision mailed March 19, 2007. The Decision dismissing the petition stated that where an inventor is unavailable (cannot be reached), Petitioner must establish the exercise of diligent effort in trying to find or reach the nonsigning inventor. A statement of facts should be submitted from a person with first hand knowledge of the facts relied upon that fully describes the exact facts which are relied on to establish that a diligent effort was made to locate the inventor. At the very least, an Internet search, or a search of telephone directories should be undertaken of the regions where it is suspected the inventors may reside. Copies of the results of such searches must be referred to in any renewed petition. It is important that the forthcoming communication contain statements of fact as opposed to conclusions. *See*, MPEP § 409.03(d).

It was also noted that Applicant had indicated that the invention may have been assigned, and that 37 CFR 1.48(a)(5) requires the written consent of any existing assignee, if any of the originally named inventors has executed an assignment.

The present Request for Reconsideration

Applicant files the present request for reconsideration, and includes a statement from Tin-su Pan, that the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intent. The petition also includes, *inter alia*, copies of internet searches and phone number searches for Mr. H. David He, both of which were unsuccessful.

The present request for reconsideration

The present request for reconsideration includes: (1) a request to correct the inventorship that sets forth the desired inventorship change; (2) a statement from each person being added and from each person being deleted as an inventor that the error occurred without deceptive intention on his or her part; (3) an oath or declaration by each actual inventor or inventors as required by 37 CFR 1.63 or as permitted by 37 CFR 1.42, 1.43 or 1.47; (4) the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 (i); and (5) the written consent of any existing assignee, if any of the originally named inventors has executed an assignment .

Accordingly, the petition is granted. A corrected Filing Receipt identifying the inventorship of the application is enclosed herewith.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.



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Enclosure; Corrected Filing Receipt



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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 10/23/2001

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US 09/682,685**

Projected Publication Date: Not Applicable

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

Title

Efficient multi-slice acquisition with black blood contrast in fast spin echo imaging

Preliminary Class

600

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